

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

APPLICATION FOR A NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICE ACADEMY

IMPORTANT DATES

March 12, 2005	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: 5985
April 9, 2005	ACT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: 7450
May 7, 2005	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: 5985
June 4, 2005	SAT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: 5985
June 11, 2005	ACT Testing Date Rep. Van Hollen's Code: 7450
October 14, 2005	Deadline for receipt of completed application by Rep. Van Hollen's Rockville office
November 12, 2005	Qualified applicants will meet with Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board for a personal interview
December 2005	Nominations will be announced
Spring 2006	Academies announce appointments
June/July 2006	Classes begin

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To apply for a nomination to the Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in the Eighth Congressional District of Maryland
- You must not be married, pregnant, or have any dependents
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 23 years of age on July 1, 2006**

To apply for a nomination to the Merchant Marine Academy, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in Maryland
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 25 years of age on July 1, 2006**

2. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for a nomination to a United States Service Academy, the attached application and supporting materials must be **received** in my district office by **Friday, October 14, 2005**. Because of the extremely strong competition for nominations, you are encouraged to apply for nominations from other sources, including President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Senator Sarbanes, and Senator Mikulski.

Standardized Testing. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) scores will be considered in the selection of academy nominees.

The SAT will be administered on March 12, May 7, and June 4, 2005. You should request that your SAT scores be sent directly to Rep. Van Hollen's office. The office code number is **5985**.

The ACT will be administered on April 8 and June 10, 2005. You should request that your ACT scores be sent directly to Rep. Van Hollen's office. The office code number is **7450**.

The results of the fall SAT and ACT may arrive too late for evaluation, so those test dates are only recommended to improve your earlier scores from the spring tests.

Transcripts. An official high school transcript must be forwarded to Rep. Van Hollen's office from the Guidance Office of your high school. The transcript must list your senior year courses and, if available, your mid-term grades. You should also provide a transcript of any college work that you have already completed.

Letters of Recommendation. Three letters of recommendation are required. Letters of recommendation may come from teachers, guidance counselors, and employers. Letters from immediate family members will not be accepted.

Please be sure to confirm that all recommendation letters that you have requested have been sent in time to arrive by the October 14, 2005 deadline.

Service Academy Review Board Interviews. Each qualified applicant will be interviewed by Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board. The Service Academy Review Board will conduct interviews on **Saturday, November 12, 2005**. Qualified applicants who complete their application by the **October 14, 2005** deadline will be notified by mail of their interview status.

Please do not wait until the deadline to submit your application and the accompanying materials. Please send your application to Rep. Van Hollen's office when it is complete and includes the following items:

1. Checklist
2. Basic Fact Sheet, including a **2" x 2"** photo of yourself
3. Background Information
4. Handwritten essay, and a typed copy
5. Notarized Affidavit of Residency

The following items should be sent **directly** to Rep. Van Hollen's office by **October 14, 2005**:

1. Three letters of recommendation
2. Your highest SAT and/or ACT scores
3. Your high school/college transcripts

The completed application should be mailed or delivered to:

**Congressman Chris Van Hollen
51 Monroe Street
Suite 507
Rockville, MD 20850**

3. SELECTION OF NOMINEES

The final decisions on appointments and admission are made by the individual service academies. In addition to seeking a nomination from Rep. Van Hollen, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy directly to open an admissions file. All applicants who fully complete Rep. Van Hollen's application requirements will be interviewed by his Service Academy Review Board. Following the interviews, the Review Board will propose slates of candidates for nominations to each of the service academies.

4. STATISTICS

Last year Rep. Van Hollen's Service Academy Review Board interviewed 42 students:

60% of these students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.

17% listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.

14% listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.

9% listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. Rep. Van Hollen urges you to research the opportunities afforded by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces or in the Merchant Marine.

US Air Force Academy

Admissions

HQ USAFA/RRS

2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200

USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901

(800) 443-9266

www.usafa.edu

US Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions

300 Steamboat Road

Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

(800) 732-6267

www.usmma.edu

US Military Academy

Admissions

Building 606

West Point, NY 10996-9902

(845) 938-4041

www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy

Admissions

117 Decatur Road

Annapolis, MD 21402-9977

(410) 293-4361

www.usna.edu

Admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. To obtain an application, please contact:

US Coast Guard Academy

Admissions

31 Mohegan Avenue

New London, CT 06320-8103

(800) 883-8724

www.cga.edu

5. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the nomination process or the required materials, please call Char Rosnick or Peter Kucik in Rep. Van Hollen's Rockville office at (301) 424-3501. You may also email Char Rosnick at char.rosnick@mail.house.gov or Peter Kucik at peter.kucik@mail.house.gov.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Complete this form, sign, date, and return it to the Rockville office to indicate that you have completed your application for a nomination. Check with your sources for recommendations to confirm that they have mailed them. The office address is 51 Monroe Street, Suite 507, Rockville, MD 20850. The telephone number is (301) 424-3501. This form and all related documents must be received by **Friday, October 14, 2005**.

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Street Number City State Zip

HOME PHONE: _____ ALT. PHONE: _____

1. I mailed my completed application on:

Date

2. The three letters of recommendation were mailed by the following people on the dates indicated:

a. _____, on _____
Name Date

b. _____, on _____
Name Date

c. _____, on _____
Name Date

3. My high school transcript was mailed by my school or guidance counselor on:

Date

4. My SAT scores have been mailed to code 5985.

Last SAT test taken on: _____

Future SAT tests I anticipate taking on: _____

My ACT scores have been mailed to code 7450:

Last ACT test taken on: _____

5. The Affidavit of Residence was mailed by my parent/guardian:

_____, on _____
Name Date

6. I have had an eye examination recently, and my vision is correct/correctable in accordance with the requirements of the academy/ies in which I am interested.

7. I have initiated my file at each academy for which I am requesting a nomination.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT BASIC FACT SHEET
PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

PERMANENT
ADDRESS: _____
Street Number

City State Zip

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ SOC. SEC. NO. _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____
(If Different) Street Number City State Zip

HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____ VISION: _____ UNCORRECTED VISION: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE OR ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL? _____

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGE PHONE: _____ DATES OF ATTENDANCE: _____

PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY OTHER SOURCES YOU PLAN TO CONTACT FOR A NOMINATION:

_____ Presidential _____ Vice Presidential _____ Senatorial _____ Other

IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE ARMED FORCES, IDENTIFY BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK AND ENTRY DATE:

ACADEMY PREFERENCE (PLEASE INDICATE YOUR 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CHOICES.)

_____ **US Air Force Academy**
_____ **US Military Academy**

_____ **US Merchant Marine Academy**
_____ **US Naval Academy**

**INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCES WILL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT REP. VAN HOLLEN'S
CONSIDERATION OF YOUR FIRST CHOICE. IT WILL, HOWEVER, INCREASE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR
RECEIVING A NOMINATION.**

PLEASE
ATTACH
2" x 2"
PHOTO

3. What do you consider your most outstanding achievement and why?

4. What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?
5. Please describe any work or volunteer experience you have had.
6. Please list the sports and team activities in which you have participated. Include any leadership positions you have held and any honors you have received.

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NAME: _____

7. Please list the community and extracurricular activities in which you have been involved.

8. Please list the academic areas that are of greatest interest to you.

9. Please list academic or community honors, prizes or awards you have received in the order of their importance to you.

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NAME: _____

10. Omitting text books, please list any books you have read in the last year. Which have you most enjoyed and why?

11. Please describe any interesting travel experiences you have had.

12. Have you been arrested, convicted, or fined for any violation or law (other than minor traffic violations)? Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school? If so, please explain.

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13. Do you intend to make military service your career? If you are appointed to an academy, what specialty areas would you wish to pursue (e.g., infantry, medical, engineering, aeronautics)?

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NAME: _____

APPLICANT ESSAY

Please write an essay of 250-500 words, in your own handwriting, on this page, explaining why you would like to attend a United States Service Academy. This essay should not be a biographical sketch. **Please attach a typed copy of your essay.**

AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking a nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is domiciled in the State of Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home for legal purposes.

I, _____, being of lawful age (18) and a resident of,

(city and county)

Maryland, do under oath and penalties of perjury, depose and say that:

1. I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of _____, a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Representative Chris Van Hollen for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the applicant is my son/daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our/my domicile is:

(address, including city or town and state)

2. In evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

I am registered as a voter in _____
(city, county, and state)

and

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of _____

Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Notary Public